

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 18th day of March 2008, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 11th):

Selectman for 3 years	Moderator for 2 years
Treasurer for 1 year	Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years
Library Trustee for 3 years	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Fire Commissioner for 3 years
2 Planning Board Members for 3 years	1 Planning Board Member for 1-year unexpired portion of 3-year term

ARTICLE 2: To choose one member for the **Budgetary Finance Advisory Board** for a 3-year term to represent the Village area.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$373,396** to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year; \$362,624 to be raised by taxes, \$4,972 is paid by employees for 5% share of health insurance, and \$5,800 will come from municipal agent fees.

Executive	\$ 53,000
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 40,476
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 4,735
Financial Administration	\$ 29,950
Legal Expense	\$ 16,000
Personnel Administration/Benefits	\$ 152,635
Planning Board	\$ 3,250
General Government Buildings	\$ 34,250
Street Lights	\$ 7,500
Insurance/Other	\$ 30,000
Regional Association Dues	\$ 1,600
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 373,396

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$54,400** for **assessing services (\$53,000) and updating the tax maps (\$1,400)** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,200** for the purchase of **assessing & tax collection software** as contracted with Avitar in 2007 and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1984). (This purchase is part of the 3-year Revaluation Project with the assessing firm CNP).

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; \$20,000 to be raised by taxes and \$10,000 to come from Cemetery Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 8 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$174,745** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,195** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,600** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year.

Safety Committee	\$ 1,500
E-911.....	\$ 400
Emergency Management.....	\$ 2,700
(includes Forest Fires)	
TOTAL SAFETY, E-911 & EMG MGT	\$ 4,600

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,723** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,515** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$189,924** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Road Improvements** as listed:

Depot Street	\$64,000
Buffalo Road	\$11,000

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,572** for the purpose of the second of two payments due on the 2006 Ford F-550 Highway Truck.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$116,600** to defray the cost of maintaining the town **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,640** to defray the Town's share of the costs of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** (\$1,540) and **Plymouth Water & Sewer District Permit Fee** (\$100).

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** to defray the estimated cost of monitoring the wells at the Transfer Station as part of Phase II of the **Landfill Closure** process as **may** be required by the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,557** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare**.

Animal Services	\$ 2,000
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,500
Health Officer	\$ 1,200
Health Administration	\$ 500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice	\$ 7,007
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$ 1,000
Voices Against Violence	\$ 850
Bridge House.....	\$ 250
Genesis	\$ 500
Direct Welfare Assistance	\$ 9,500
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$ 2,700
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)	\$ 2,300
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL, HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 30,557

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,550** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year; \$14,405 to be raised by taxes and \$1,145 to come from fund balance.

Common Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 2,000
Quincy Ball Field Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 3,400
Old Home Day	\$ 3,500
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 350
Conservation Trust Account	\$ 5,000
Conservation Commission Administration	\$ 1,100
Baker River Watershed	\$ 200
TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION & CONSERVATION	\$15,550

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,900** to operate the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year; \$32,400 to be raised by taxes and \$6,500 to come from Library Endowment Funds.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 54,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:

To the Highway Equipment Fund-established in 1960	\$ 20,000
To the Fire Department Fund-established 1963	\$ 15,000
To the Police Cruiser Fund-established 1986	\$ 7,500
To the Town Revaluation Fund-established 1992	\$ 10,000
To the EMS Vehicle Fund-established 2005	\$ 1,500
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 54,000

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to defray the cost of interest expenses on loans in anticipation of taxes and other temporary loans.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **purchasing equipment** as needed for the Transfer Station and further appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be placed in said fund. The sum of \$2,759 will come from taxation and the remaining \$2,241 from the proceeds of a property tax surcharge settlement between Casella and the Town of Bethlehem. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Bridge Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **bridge repair and maintenance** and further appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,500** to be placed in said fund. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the purpose of purchasing and installing used **Guard Rails** on portions of Groton Hollow Road and Cross Road.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,270** for the purpose of improving the **Baker Athletic Field** area for additional recreational opportunities to include a **skating/hockey rink, skateboarding, storage shed and electricity**.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the purpose of funding a portion of the **Summer Enrichment Program** for Rumney children through Rumney Recreation and the Russell School A+ program.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, **\$10,000**, to be added to the **Rumney Conservation Commission Fund** (created in 1989). This sum to come from fund balance, and no amount will be raised from taxation. (This represents a portion of the funds received from the sale of the Cook woodlot to the United States Forest Service in 2007.) (The Selectmen recommend this article).

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars **\$20,000** to be added to the **Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund** (created in 1987). This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount will be raised from taxation. (This represents a portion of the funds received from the sale of the Cook woodlot to the United States Forest Service in 2007.) (The Selectmen recommend this article).

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the purpose of purchasing a storage facility/trailer to be used for overflow storage by the Town Office.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100**, or such other sum as the Town may determine, for the purpose of **planning** for an expansion to the town office building.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Rumney, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (This article submitted by petition.)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the municipality for any public purposes. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-e, shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.

ARTICLE 35: To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given our hands this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Mark H. Andrew, Chairman

Janice Mulherin

W. John Fucci